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COMPUTER PROGRAM
PRODUCT FOR SUPPLIER
SELECTION IN A SUPPLY
CHAIN MANAGEMENT
FRAMEWORK

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 20, 2004,
concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time.
However, the extension fee was previously paid.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: